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Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles
A True and Thrilling Tale of the Experiences of a Wounded
Canadian Officer Who Fell Into the Hands of the Enemy

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Men who had received cruel treatment at the hands of the enemy, though they were living in Switzerland, but still they longed to see Britain once again. This will perhaps explain some of the sentiments expressed in the following article, quoted from an August number of the B. I. M.

"Interned prisoners of war are a species of animals usually found in a neutral country. The word 'interned' comes from the Latin 'intra', meaning 'within', and 'tenuis', meaning 'up'. They are used in the winter for moving large quantities of snow from one place to another, and in the summer for doing the same thing with rocks and gravel.

"They are amusing creatures to watch. They live in large communities or establishments, as they are scientifically called, are presided over by what is known as a chief of establishment, something similar to the 'queen bee'. Unlike the latter, the chief of establishment does not lay the eggs which produce the other prisoners of war. These are hatched out in the mud of France and elsewhere, usually in a hollow of the ground called a shell hole.

Play in the Rain.

The chief vices of the interned prisoner of war are playing football, cricket, hockey, etc. They are so depraved that at times they will indulge in these vices in the pouring rain. The only way they can be tempted to desist is by the offer of a meal. They spend their spare time in having operations and attempting to get leave.

There are different species of interned prisoners of war. There are the Scotch, English, Irish, Australian and Canadian. The latter have not red skins, as some people suppose.

There is also another species called officers, who spend most of their time seeing that the others are wearing their own boots and don't take a bath before it is necessary.

"The interned prisoners of war are sometimes soldiers. They arrange themselves in long rows to present a formidable appearance on certain feast days. They are very religious and believe that some day they will go to a country where they have home, friends and relations."

We soon learned that the rumor that a certain number of Englishmen were to be repatriated had been confirmed. At a conference held at the Hague, an agreement had been reached between the British and German governments for the exchange of interned prisoners in Switzerland on virtually the same terms as had been arranged for the exchange of French and German prisoners. We were told that at the conference the Dutch were always seated at the table first, then from a door at one side came the Germans, and from a door on the other side the English. No intercourse, save on business, took place. At the closing meeting the chief of the Germans got up and said they could not go without thanking England warmly for the way their prisoners had been treated, and admitted that no other country had done the like. No people bowed back acknowledgment and thanks, but could not return the compliment.

This agreement applied to the following classes of interned men, the general principle followed being that the sick and wounded whose re-



Life went on in Murren as elsewhere. The photographs show an international christening attended by 'prisoners of war' in neutral Switzerland. The bridegroom was a German, the bride a Swiss, and the ceremony was held in the latter picture, upon which the bridegroom was drawn from the church.

establishment to health was not likely to take place within the year, and whose vitality had diminished by about 50 per cent, would be repatriated:

First. All those who had lost one limb, at least a hand or a foot.

Second. All suffering from a grave infirmity, which was not likely to disappear within one year, with or without operative treatment; for instance, complete or partial ankylosis or paralysis diminishing by about three-quarters the use of a shoulder, elbow, wrist, leg, knee or foot.

Third. Mutilation of the face, mouth, hands, head wounds, causing epilepsy.

Fourth. Cases of wounds to the vertebral column, throat, abdomen, etc.

Fifth. Tuberculosis, where a cure in Switzerland was not likely to be successful.

Sixth. Diseases affecting respiration, the heart, digestion, grave neurasthenia.

Seventh. Blindness.

Eighth. Deafness of certain degree.

Ninth. Mental cases.

Tenth. Malarial cases (serious).

Eleventh. Diabetes.

Twelfth. Tuberculosis (cured).

Thirteenth. Loss of an eye, if other eye were also affected.

The two governments agreed not to allow men thus exchanged to fight or work on the lines of communication.

Intense Excitement.

The doctors in charge of Murren carried out a thorough examination of every man and selected a certain number as eligible to appear before the final commission which was composed of three Swiss doctors.

The excitement was intense when, on August 13, the commission commenced work in Murren. The officers were examined first. One by one they went into an upstairs room in the palace Hotel, while their wives and sisters sat breathlessly on the stairs awaiting their exit and the fateful news. There were not many disappointments. It was very hard for officers to get out of Germany, and they were all in a more or less serious condition. Five only, out of twenty, were compelled to resign themselves to remain in Switzerland. The rest of us dashed to the post office and cabled home the glad tidings.

We heard that only 400 Germans had been passed for repatriation on account of the fact that they knew when they were well off, and refused to present themselves to the commission. Altogether, 860 of the British interned prisoners had been accepted.

Before leaving for home the German officers had a banquet—probably their last for some time to come—at which they drank a large quantity of the best wine obtainable. We were told on good authority that instead of being joyful this affair was one of the gloomiest ever held in Berne.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of September 8 the first load of happy and excited men descended the funicular and thus completed the first stage of their voyage home.

The first number of the B. I. M. which appeared after our departure contained the following:

EXODUS.

"Now it came to pass on the 25th day of the eighth month of the third year of the war against William, Emperor of Germany, there came unto Murren certain physicians who spoke, saying, let every one of you that is diseased, or has lost of his value as a man of war more than the half, return ye, all, every man unto his own home."

"And all the people shouted, and said, 'Great is the commission of doctors.'"

"For every man said in his heart, Surely I shall be among the chosen."

"Now when the physicians had gone from them but a few hours, then began those who were among the chosen to murmur, saying, Why do we not

henceforth, wherefore have we been beguiled with promises?"

"But those set in authority over them went among the people speaking good words unto them, saying, Wherefore murmur ye? Surely in little while they will let you go. Albeit they knew nothing."

"Now after ten days came messages, saying, Surely on the day before the Sabbath shall ye go out."

"And all the people shouted and said, 'Great is the commission of the doctors.'"

Then Nelah, chief of the mighty men of valor, calling together his captains and his lieutenants, commanded them, saying, Thus and thus shall ye do. Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth so long as the trains remain standing still in the station. For lo! it is not written in the book of King's Regulations?

"On the eighth day of the ninth month of the third year of the war against William, Emperor of Germany, that reigned in Potsdam, departed the children of Nelah, even 181 men, with their women and their children, and their dogs, a very great multitude."

"Moreover, there was much joy amongst those that departed and they made merry, saying, Behold, Murren shall be covered with snow, and the land shall be white with the flakes thereof, but what is that to us. Look ye to it!"

"And the people answered them and said, Go to. Get you down quickly, lest the commission harden their hearts, and it repenteth them that they have let you go."

"And the people departed by companies, every man according to his hotel, to every hotel an officer or two according to the commandment of Nelah, chief of the mighty men of valor."

"And it came to pass, while the train was yet in the station, that a certain fellow of the tribes of Canada, with a loud voice, for about the space of ten minutes cried out, and said, Well, well, well, well."

"And the people of that country were astonished, saying: Surely this man hath a devil."

"Now the best of the acts of the children of Nelah, and all that they did, shall they not be written in the chronicles of 'B. I. M.'"

(Concluded Tomorrow.)

MANY CALLERS AT INCOME TAX OFFICE

Forms Have Not Yet Arrived But Are Expected Soon.

There have been numerous callers at the government income tax office in the city hall the past week. Although the necessary forms have not yet been received it is expected that they will arrive soon.

Those who paid an income tax in the previous year will receive their blank direct from the Hartford internal revenue headquarters.

Attention is called to the requirements that all married individuals and heads of families whose net income was \$2,000 or more the past year must file returns, instead of single persons whose net income was \$1,000 or more the past year are also obliged by law to file them. These returns must be filed on or before March 1, 1918.

The local office is located in the mayor's office at the city hall and will be open daily from 9 to 6 until March 1. Income Tax Inspector Barnes, who is in charge, will be glad to answer all questions relating to the income tax.

All corporations, partnerships, fiduciaries and individuals who have made payments of \$500 or more the past year in the form of salaries, wages, rent, interest, etc., are required to file a list of such individuals on or before March 1.

Matters relating to the excess profits tax should be taken up direct with the collector of internal revenue, Hartford, Conn., from whom all blanks and information must be secured.

Some misunderstanding seems to have arisen as to the effect of the recent decision of the supreme court relative to stock dividends. The treasury department rules that the present income tax law is not affected by the decision and that individuals must continue to report stock dividends as income.

STATEMENT DEFINING DEALERS IN SECURITIES

Concerns Whose Principal Business is Buying and Selling.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Individuals who buy and sell securities for investment and speculation will not be considered "dealers in securities" under the internal revenue bureau's recent ruling on the optional plan for reporting inventories.

"A dealer in securities," says a treasury statement tonight, authorizing officially the new plan, for requiring inventories, "in order to come within the meaning of treasury decision 2600 must be a merchant of securities, whether an individual, partnership or corporation, with an established place of business, whose principal business is the purchase of securities and their re-

GET NEW KIDNEYS!

The kidneys are the most overworked organs of the human body, and when they fail in their work of filtering out and throwing off the poisons developed in the system, things begin to happen. One of the first warnings is pain or stiffness in the lower part of the back; highly colored urine; loss of appetite; indigestion; irritation, or even stone in the bladder. These symptoms indicate a condition that may lead to that dreaded and fatal malady, Bright's disease, for which there is said to be no cure.

You can almost certainly find immediate relief in GOLD MEDAL Haaslem Oil Capsules. For more than 500 years this famous preparation has been an unfailing remedy for all kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. Get it at any drug store, and if it does not give you almost immediate relief, your money will be refunded. Be sure you get the GOLD MEDAL brand. None other genuine. In boxes, three sizes.

sale to customers. Taxpayers who buy and sell for investment or speculation (in their individual capacity), officers of corporations or members of partnerships which deal in securities are not dealers."

ANOTHER HEAVY GALE SWEEPING TOWARD CHICAGO.

Blast Furnaces and Packing Plants Closed for Lack of Coal.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Chicago, just recovering from the most severe blizzard in fifty years, tonight was in the grip of a coal famine that closed down blast furnaces in South Chicago, shut up the world's two greatest packing plants, and threatened another slump of the railways.

Meanwhile the weather forecaster issued a warning that another heavy gale is sweeping toward the city, leading in its wake snow-covered states throughout the southwest.

The new storm, which is expected to reach Chicago in the next twenty-four hours, was central today over eastern Texas, and was moving northeastward with increased intensity, bringing with it a heavy fall of snow to the greater portions of Illinois and Missouri.

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fruit of the Loom, yard wide and worth 25c a yard. Only ten yards to a customer—

SALE PRICE 19c

5c Seamed Sheets, size 72 by 90. SALE PRICE 59c

1.00 Seamed Sheets, size 81 by 90. SALE PRICE 85c

1.25 Seamed Sheets—

SALE PRICE \$1.00

Hemstitched Sheets

2 by 99. value \$1.75—

SALE PRICE \$1.50

1 by 99. value \$1.85—

SALE PRICE \$1.65

10 by 108 value \$2.00—

SALE PRICE \$1.75

Pillow Cases

Value 25c—two sizes—

SALE PRICE 17c

Value 30c. SALE PRICE 25c

Value 35c. SALE PRICE 29c

1.75 Crochet Quilts—

SALE PRICE \$1.49

1.85 Crochet Quilts—

SALE PRICE \$1.59

5.00 Satin Quilts—

SALE PRICE \$4.00

6.00 Satin Quilts—

SALE PRICE \$5.00

6.75 Satin Quilts—

SALE PRICE \$6.75

Cotton Blankets

Value \$2.00. SALE PRICE \$1.75

Value \$2.50. SALE PRICE \$2.00

Value \$3.00. SALE PRICE \$2.50

Value \$3.50. SALE PRICE \$3.00

Value \$4.00. SALE PRICE \$3.50

Value \$4.50. SALE PRICE \$4.00

Value \$5.00. SALE PRICE \$4.50

Value \$6.00. SALE PRICE \$5.00

Wool Blankets—White Only

Value \$5.00. SALE PRICE \$4.00

Value \$5.50. SALE PRICE \$4.50

Value \$6.00. SALE PRICE \$5.00

White Goods and Linens

\$2.50 All Linen Damask, 72-inch wide—

SALE PRICE \$1.75

\$3.00 All Linen Damask—

SALE PRICE \$2.00

\$2.00 All Linen Damask—

SALE PRICE \$1.50

Mercerized Cotton Damask

Value 50c. SALE PRICE 39c

Value 65c. SALE PRICE 50c

Value 75c. SALE PRICE 59c

Finest Mercerized Damask at Three Prices—

\$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25 A YARD

Odd Cloths and Napkins in various sizes. No matched sets in the lot, but the qualities all are good. During this sale—

ABOUT HALF PRICE

Crash Towelling

Value 20c. SALE PRICE 17c

Value 25c. SALE PRICE 20c

Value 28c. SALE PRICE 23c

Value 30c. SALE PRICE 25c

TURKISH TOWELS FOR 1918

Now is the Time to Buy Them

Value 15c. SALE PRICE 12c

Value 20c. SALE PRICE 15c

Value 22c. SALE PRICE 17c

Value 28c. SALE PRICE 22c

Value 35c. SALE PRICE 25c

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An odd lot of Turkish Towels.

Part initialed and part plain,

values from 60c to 75c each—

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Cotton Huck Towels

Value 15c. SALE PRICE 12c

Value 20c. SALE PRICE 17c

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Value 33c. SALE PRICE 25c

Hemmed Birdseye Diapers, 12 in package—

Value \$1.75, 18 by 36—

SALE PRICE \$1.20

Value \$2.00, 20 by 40—

SALE PRICE \$1.30

Value \$2.25, 22 by 44—

SALE PRICE \$1.40

12½c Mercerized Napkins—

SALE PRICE 9c

Hosiery and Underwear

Misses' Mercerized Hose, in black or tan. Fine ribbed hose selling regularly from 35c to 45c a pair—

SALE PRICES 30c, 35c and 40c

50c Infants' Cashmere Hose, in black, white and tan—

SALE PRICE 39c

Seamless Cotton Hose, in a light weight. All sizes in black and white—Value 19c, SALE PRICE 13c

Medium Weight Seamless Cotton Hose in black only—

SALE PRICE 17c—3 for 50c

25c Medium Weight Cotton Hose in black and white. Made with double sole. SALE PRICE 21c

Fibre Silk Boot Hose, seamless, in black only. SALE PRICE 31c

Full Fashioned Silk Boot Hose, in black. SALE PRICE 65c

Fashioned Silk Hose with lisle sole and top. Black only. Our regular \$1.50 grade—

SALE PRICE \$1.10

Women's Burson Hose, in out sizes. All black or white. SALE PRICE 35c

Black Silk Boot Hose, in out sizes. Regular 75c stockings—

SALE PRICE 65c

Children's Fleeced Vests and Pants. The 30c and 50c grades, but subject to slight imperfections. SALE PRICE 35c

Misses' Bleached, Fleeced Union Suits, of regular 80c and \$1.00 grades. SALE PRICES 79c and 89c

Boys' Fleeced Bathing Union Suits, regularly 89c—

SALE PRICE 79c

Women's Fleeced Vests, and Drawers which cannot possibly be duplicated at these prices—

NOW 50c an 59c

Women's Fine Weave Fleeced Vests with high neck and short sleeves, regularly 75c and 85c—

SALE PRICES 62c and 69c

Wash Goods Department

17c American Shirtings—

SALE PRICE 12c

17c Outing Flannels—

SALE PRICE 14c

20c Outing Flannels—

SALE PRICE 16c

22c Percales, in 3 to 20 yard lengths. SALE PRICE 19c

Windsor Costume Crepe, requires no ironing, SALE PRICE 25c

Genuine Serpentine Crepe. 22c

Duckling Fleeced and Melton Flannel for robes and sacques 17c

Victoria Flannellette, in Challie patterns. Slightly fleeced—

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Zephyr Dress Gingham worth on today's market 25c a yard—

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45c Bacon Bath Robe Flannel, All double faced. SALE PRICE 40c